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Office Action Summary**Application No.**

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Michael Brown

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

Claims 1-4 and 13-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Horning.

Horning discloses in figure 1a-4 a wearable holster comprising a main back portion 4, at least one thermally insulated portion 7, a securing means (10a, 10b), a removable liner, (a prepackage gel, col. 7, lines 10-19) and a storage portion (any of the members 7 can be used as a storage portion).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 5-8 and 18-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Horning in view of Kirschke.

Horning discloses in figures 1-4 a wearable holster, substantially as claimed. However, Horning doesn't positively claim a stone as the heating object. Kirschke teaches in figures 1-6 a holster comprising a heating object that is a stone. It would

have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time that the invention was made that the heating object as taught by Kirschke could be placed inside of the insulated portion to provide heat to the body. The stone could be stored in the insulated portion.

Claims 9-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Horning in view of Theodore.

Horning discloses in figures 1-4 a wearable holster, substantially as claimed. However, Horning doesn't disclose the securing means being a belt having an adjustment means and a buckle. Theodore teaches in figure 5 a thoracic sac comprising a securing means that includes a belt 44, an adjustment means (the slider not numbered adjacent to 52b) and a buckle (52a, 52b). It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time that the invention was made that the securing means as taught by Theodore could be substituted for the securing means disclosed by Horning in order to be able to adjust the holster around the user's back.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Murphy discloses a heating belt. Fan discloses an elastic bandage.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael Brown whose telephone number is 571-272-4972. The examiner can normally be reached on 5:30 am-4:00 pm Monday-Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gergory Huson can be reached on 571-272-4887. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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M. Brown
August 30, 2005

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael A. Brown". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Michael" being more prominent than the last name "Brown".

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PRIMARY EXAMINER